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[Following is a translation of an article by Vo Tri Huu in the Vietnamese-language newspaper Nhan Dan, Hanoi, No 2223, 19 April 1960, page 3.]

The "Chi Bo" (basic Party organization) is the foundation of the Party. The preparation and the improvement of congresses of the basic Party organization are important tasks because they permit Party members to contribute a great number of good ideas on the drafting of the rules (amendments) and to improve reciprocally their levels through democratic discussions and mutual education.

From experience, the previous congresses of basic Party organizations show us that in order to get good results, the following points must be followed:

1. Before convening the congresses of basic Party organizations, the provincial, district and regional commissars ought to discuss thoroughly the resolutions and directives of the Central Committee of Organization and the Central Committee of Declarations concerning how to conduct congresses at all levels. They should also discuss thoroughly the draft of rules (amendments), evaluate the situation, reassess the good and bad points of the Party cell and decide on ways to conduct the congresses.

The provincial and district commissars have the duty to guide the basic party organization's commissars, particularly asking them to proclaim the draft of rules, to have a firm grasp of the subject and to know well the ways of carrying out the congresses.

The Basic Party organization's commissars ought to prepare collectively the proclamation of the draft of rules (amendments), the election of representatives and basic Party organization's commissars (if need be) and the theme of the discussions.

2. When the general plan is agreed upon, it is necessary on the one hand to elect the commissars from the ranks of the cadres so as to profit from their experiences, and, on the other hand, to help Party members at various basic Party organizations organize thoroughly.

The discussions should be carried out in such a way as to permit Party members to know fully the meaning, purposes, contents, slogans and degree of importance of the National Congress, the congresses at every level and the congresses of basic Party organizations, as well as the interests, duties and obligations of every person.

Attention should be paid to help Party members solve their difficulties in their tasks and to mobilize Party members to attend in great numbers the congresses of basic Party organizations.

Efforts should be made for all Party members to listen and study in advance the old draft of rules, the new draft of rules, to encourage them to think over the situation, successes and failures of basic Party organizations in order to prepare them to the sessions of exchange of opinions. This point is very important, but a great number of basic Party organizations do not observe it.

3. From the point of view of the people, prior to the congresses of basic Party organizations, it is necessary to proclaim and explain the meaning, aims, purposes, and degree of importance of congresses at all levels and congresses of basic Party organizations, to elaborate on the questions on the agenda of the congresses at all levels of the Party, on their importance for the people, the state, and every individual in particular, and to mobilize the people to compete for useful work, such as: fight against drought, preparation of manure, opening classes, etc.

In many villages, people are enthusiastically engaging in competing in production and work. But in still many places, lack of good direction leads to features which are inappropriate, such as the festivals where people carry the torches, the dance of the lion, and the large number of the delegates at the greetings. These waste the time of the people. It is necessary to make it clear to the people that the Party is appreciative of the expressions of gratitude by the people, and that the best way of showing consideration for the Party is to compete in useful projects, such as in the tasks of production, construction, study, etc.

4. When the contents and substance of the congress of basic Party organizations have been duly prepared, it is necessary to make preparations for procedures, check on the status of readiness of the preparations, and if the preparations are not ready by then, it is necessary to make them complete, draft the program of the congress and decide on the date of opening it.

At the opening meeting, it is necessary to state clearly the meaning, purposes, contents, slogans, and length of the congress of basic Party organizations, the powers and duties of the official Party members, the Party's substitute members, the chairman of the League, the secretary, the commissar of basic Party organizations, delegates of higher levels, etc.

Once the opening meeting gets underway, it is necessary to state the meaning and contents one by one of the draft of rules (amendments), and mobilize every one into discussions. The discussions should be conducted in the framework of the congress of basic Party organizations. Before such discussions, it is necessary to divide up into groups for the exchange of opinions. The chairman of the League must hold in firm hands the situation of the exchange of opinions of various groups in order to conduct livelier discussions.

Concerning important questions, the discussions should be fully conducted. Concerning concrete questions, for instance about the confusion in the use of some words or expressions, it is not necessary to conduct lengthy discussions.

When the discussions on a subject are finished, it is necessary to pass a resolution. Finally, it is necessary to conclude the discussions.

5. The main subject of the agenda of the congress of basic Party organizations is the discussions about the draft rules (amendments), but other questions such as: election of the commissar of basic Party organizations (if need be), election of delegates to be sent to the congress of higher levels of the Party, and discussions on the future tasks of the locality should not be underestimated.

On the question of electing delegates, it is necessary to state clearly before the election the meaning, degree of importance of the congress at higher levels, rights and duties of the delegates and the standards of the delegates. The election by raising hands is to be avoided and to be replaced by the secret ballot.

6. When the congress of basic Party organizations is over, plans should be made to disseminate the results of the congress.

Party members and commissars of basic Party organizations should be in touch constantly in order to check successes and failures, to set the direction of leadership with the aim of forming good Party members, building a powerful basic Party organization. The commissar of basic Party organizations should give an equal share of jobs to all Party members, mobilize Party members to work closely with the masses, and to perform the tasks ahead alongside the masses. After each period, it is necessary to do the checking and to proclaim good and bad points.

With regards to deficient Party members, patience is needed to help educate them and to avoid prejudices. Concerning Party members who have not yet discussed the draft of rules (amendments) for some reasons, it is necessary to help these comrades in their study and discussions of the draft of rules, and to contribute ideas and opinions.

At a certain number of basic Party organizations, where congresses were previously held, results still do not meet the needs. More discussions are needed in order to improve the draft rules (amendments).

The recent congress of basic Party organizations played an important role in exchanging ideas on the draft of rules (amendments) and in alerting members to the problems at hand. This strengthened the basic Party organization and promoted strongly the tasks ahead. Let us make positive preparations and endeavor to make the congress of basic Party organizations a resounding success.

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